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ATTENTION: Mr. Thomas F. Miller

Dear Mr. Miller:

On July 20, 1977, you appeared before the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining, to discuss your operation of the Vipont mine, and the Board decided to permit you to continue removing tailings from the watercourse as an act of reclamation. The Board also decided that you would be required to follow the reclamation procedures set forth in the Mined Land Reclamation Act and the regulations, in obtaining an approved Notice of Intention to Commence Mining.

On November 6, 1978, this office received from you certain documents relating to your planned operation, but this information is insufficient. It is important for you to provide more adequate information and I feel this can best be accomplished if you can come into this office at your earliest convenience to review the information needed with Mr. Ronald W. Daniels.

Our primary concern is that our field inspections reveal that you have been carrying on operations beyond those authorized by the Board on July 20, 1977, including the development of two new mine entries, without an approved Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Unless satisfactory performance is demonstrated by you in furnishing the required information by November 20, 1978, this matter will be brought before the Board at their meeting scheduled for November 29, 1978, with a recommendation by the staff that the matter be referred to the Office of the Attorney General to restrain you from any further actions under authority of Section 40-8-8(4), and that, in addition thereto, the matter be referred to the County Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution under Section 40-8-9(3), for knowingly refusing to provide required information which Section also provides for a fine of not more than \$10,000 for each violation.

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Please govern yourself accordingly.

Very truly yours,

SCHEREE WILCOX
Secretary of the Board

*THIS LETTER DICTATED BY
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